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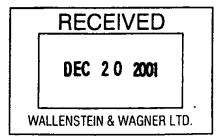
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- · The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$768.
 - \$432 for 48 total claims over 20.
 - \$336 for 8 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1203.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

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U.S. Patent Application of: H. Michael Lord Group Art Unit: 2151 Application No.: 09/995,253 Filed: November 27, 2001 Examiner: Not Yet Assigned For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR **EXCHANGING DATA BETWEEN A** PRIMARY COMPUTER SYSTEM AND AN EXTERNAL COMPUTER SYSTEM TO ENSURE TRANSACTIONAL **COPY OF PAPERS** RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE ORIGINALLY FILED **SYSTEMS** RECEIVED

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In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" dated December 12, 2001, Applicant encloses the following:

- 1. an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- 2. a check in the amount of \$1,203.00 in payment of the filing fee and the surcharge for late filing of the Declaration and Power of Attorney; and,
 - 3. a copy of the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application."

The Notice also requires submission of substitute drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84 because the drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margins. To comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.84, the Applicant submits formal drawings in the Request for Approval and Submission of Formal

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Drawings filed concurrently herewith. In preparation of the formal drawings, it was determined that the figures of the drawings would not fit on the same number of drawing sheets as originally submitted while maintaining compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.84. A Preliminary Amendment to correct references to the figures in the Specification is also filed concurrently herewith.

The filing requirements of this application should now be complete. You are hereby authorized to debit any payment deficiencies or credit any overpayments only with regard to the above-identified Application to our Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 23, 2002

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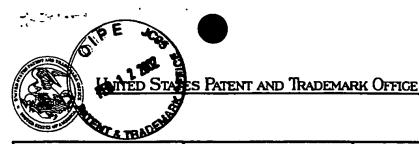
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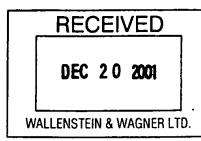
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Dear Sir:

The Applicant of the above-identified application submits the attached formal drawing sheets in connection with the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application and Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently herewith. Approval of these drawings is respectfully requested.

The formal drawings reflect changes to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. Originally-submitted FIG. 5A has been divided into FIGS. 5A - 5B and originally submitted FIG. 5B has been divided into FIGS. 5C - 5D to facilitate compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The text within the box indicated by reference number 800 of originally-submitted FIG. 5A has been changed from "Process

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Alternate Feature (Fig. 5B)" to "Process Alternate Feature (Fig. 5C)" so the changes to the figure designations.

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